

# McCormick's Creek State Park

## 2009 Special Events

July 4<sup>th</sup>



**Family Fun Fourth-** Bring your picnic and join the fun!

August 8<sup>th</sup>

**Wild About Wildlife-** See live animal presentations, co-sponsored by WildCare Inc.

September 19<sup>th</sup> **Bar-B-Que & Blues-** Camp for the weekend and let us do the cookin' or come for the day, enjoy this community party!



October 31<sup>st</sup> **Fall-o-ween Festival-** Campsite decorating contest! Pumpkin Carving! Mask-making! Haunted Trail!



# July



Nature Center Hours: 9:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. **7 days a week!**

Look for our program schedules on the web:

<http://www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/2420.htm>

Our programs are free and open to the public after paying the park entrance fee. Please contact the Nature Center if you would like us to do a private program for your group- **812-829-4344.**

**\*\*Healthy Parks/Healthy People:** Look for HP/HP on the schedule to get "INshape" with us, and discover what it takes to keep a state park or reservoir healthy.

**Nature Center Renovation:** New Nature Center exhibits are currently underway. The Nature Center display room will be closed for renovation. However, the Nature Center office, program room, and restrooms will remain open throughout the renovation so feel free to stop in!

## This Week's Theme: A Journey Back in Time

### Monday, June 29<sup>th</sup>

**11:00 AM**     **History of the fire tower:** Meet at Canyon Inn. What was it's purpose and what was it used for? Visit the tower on this short hike.

### Tuesday, June 30<sup>th</sup>

**11:00 AM**     **Tale of A Quarryman.** Meet at Canyon Inn. The working day was 10 hours long and pay was \$1.50 a day...learn what it might have been like to be a quarryman in the late 1800s.

### Wednesday, July 1<sup>st</sup>

**11:00 AM**     **Peden Farmstead Hike:** Meet at the Nature Center. What would life have been like for some of McCormick's earliest settlers?

**1:30 PM**     **Dr. Denkwalter's Sanitarium:** Meet at Canyon Inn. Did you know that the Canyon Inn was at one time an old time sanitarium? Wait.. what is a sanitarium anyway?

### Thursday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>

**11:00 AM**     **A Day in the Life of a CCC worker.** Nature Center Auditorium. The Civilian Conservation Core made many improvements to our park in the 1930's, learn about their importance to McCormick's.

**2:00 PM**     **Critter Feeding.** Nature Center



## Family Fun Old Fashion 4th



### Friday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>

**11:30 PM**     **1850's Homestead Hike** Nature Center.

**1:30 PM**     **Candle-Making** Nature Center. Make your own traditional drip candle.

### Saturday, July 4<sup>th</sup>

**11:00 AM**     **Family Fun Fourth Parade Crafts** Beech Grove Shelter.

**12:00 PM**     **Family Fun Fourth Parade!** Meet at Beech Grove Shelter.

**2:30 PM**     **Corn-Husk Dolls-** Nature Center.

**4:00 PM**     **Pool Program-** Swimming in the park's pool? Visit a naturalist at the break!

### Sunday, July 5<sup>th</sup>

**9:00 AM**     **Worship Service, non-denominational.** Nature Center.

**11:00 AM**     **Stately Treasures** Nature Center.

**1:30 PM**     **What's that artifact?** Nature Center.

## This Week's Theme: Insects and Spiders



### Monday, July 6<sup>th</sup>

**1:30 PM**     **Creek Peek.** Nature Center. Join a naturalist and search for insects in the creek!

### Tuesday, July 7<sup>th</sup>

**11:00 AM**     **Glowworms and Fireflies.** Nature Center. Communicate like fireflies while playing this fun game.

**1:30 PM**     **Crickets, Cicadas, and Katydids.** Nature Center. Who's making all that racket? Learn more about these noisy neighbors and recreate their chorus!

### Wednesday, July 8<sup>th</sup>



**11:00 AM**     **Honey Bee Basics.** Nature Center. Did you know that male bees in a hive are called drones?

**1:30 PM**     **Insect 101-** Nature Center. What makes an insect special? Why are they important?

### Thursday, July 9<sup>th</sup>

**11:00 AM**     **Insects of the Creek.** Meet at Nature Center. Hike to the creek to look for insects that call the creek their home!

**2:00 PM**     **Critter Feeding Time.** Nature Center



### Friday, July 10<sup>th</sup>

**11:00 AM**     **Pollinator Picnic.** Nature Center. It has been estimated that one out of

**1:30 PM**     **Arrest the Pest!** Nature Center. What is the Emerald Ash Borer? Play Emerald Ash Borer Trivia! Test your knowledge and win cool prizes! every three bites you take is thanks to an insect pollinated plant!



### Saturday, July 11<sup>th</sup>

*Swing by the nature center this morning to check out one of our critters!*

**4:00 PM**     **Pool Program:** Swimming in the pool? Join a naturalist at the break.

**8:30 PM**     **Moth Sugaring & other night-time insect activities!** Meet at the Nature Center.

### Sunday, July 12<sup>th</sup>

**9:00 AM**     **Worship Service, non-denominational** Nature Center

**11:00 AM**     **Creek Peek.** Nature Center. Join a naturalist and search for insects in the creek!

## This Week's Theme: Reptiles

### Monday, July 13<sup>th</sup>

- 11:00 AM**     **Reptile 101: What is a reptile anyway?** Nature Center. Kick off reptile week with the basics! *Get a chance to touch a snake!*
- 1:30 PM**     **Turtle Trot-** Nature Center. Learn some turtle basics! Help us take the turtles for a walk!



### Tuesday, July 14<sup>th</sup>

- 1:30 PM**     **Snakes Among Us:** Nature Center. Learn to identify venomous from non-venomous snakes while meeting one of this park's friendliest snakes.

### Wednesday, July 15<sup>th</sup>

- 11:00 AM**     **Chat about the Black Rat.** Nature Center. Did you know? The black rat snake is one of the most common snakes here at McCormick's.
- 1:30 PM**     **Beautiful Box Turtle:** Nature Center. Spend some time with our beautiful box turtle! Learn how we can help protect them!



### Thursday, July 16<sup>th</sup>

- 11:00 AM**     **Office Critter Introductions:** Nature Center. Join a naturalist in the nature center office for a short introduction to the critters who help us out around the nature center!
- 2:00 PM**     **Reptile Feeding Time:** Nature Center.

### Friday, July 17<sup>th</sup>

- 1:30 PM**     **Shell and Tell –** Nature Center. What's in a shell? Meet some of this park's most secretive residents.

### Saturday, July 18<sup>th</sup>

- 11:00 AM**     **Reptile Romp** Nature Center. Hike along the creek in search of our resident reptiles!
- 1:30 PM**     **Slithering Snakes** Nature Center. Learn about snake locomotion and the other adaptations that make these creatures so spectacular!
- 4:00 PM**     **Pool Program.** Swimming in the pool? Join a naturalist at the break!
- 7:30 PM**     **Summer Concert Series: Bloomington Community Band-** Park Amphitheater

### Sunday, July 19<sup>th</sup>

- 9:00 AM**     **Worship Service, non-denominational**
- 11:00 PM**     **Turtle Talk –** Nature Center. Turtle have remained unchanged for 250 million years. Discover the secret to their success today!

## This Week's Theme: Park Explorer's / Habitat Week

### Monday, July 20<sup>th</sup>

- 11:00 AM**     **Hoosier Quest! -** Nature Center. Come learn the ins and outs of Indiana's State Park Quest Program.
- 1:30 PM**     **Peden Farmstead Hike –** Nature Center. What was life like for some of McCormick's earliest settlers? Explore the farmstead to find out more.

### Tuesday, July 21<sup>st</sup>

- 11:00 AM**     **Invasive Invasion –** Nature Center. What is an invasive species and how are they changing the park's habitat?
- 1:30 PM**     **Quarry Hike –** Meet at Canyon Inn. Explore this historic site while learning about what it might have been like to be a quarryman in the late 1800's.

### Wednesday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>

**Sorry no programs today! Enjoy hiking one of our 10 beautiful trails!**

### Thursday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>

- 11:00 PM**     **River Hike –** Meet at the Nature Center. Take a hike down to the white river and see the beauty that is McCormick's creek.
- 2:00 PM**     **Critter Feeding Time** Nature Center

### Friday, July 24<sup>th</sup>

- 11:00 AM**     **Turtle Trot:** Nature Center. Learn some turtle basics! Help us take the turtles for a walk!
- 1:30 PM**     **Fire Tower Hike -** Meet at the Canyon Inn. Visit one of the few remaining fire towers in Indiana and learn about the duties of the State towermen.

### Saturday, July 25<sup>th</sup>

- 11:00 AM**     **Water Chemistry and Conservation-** Nature Center. Join guest speaker Dan Dalton, Bean Blossom-Patricksburg Water Plant Superintendent as he speaks about conserving this important resource.
- 1:30 PM**     **Falls Hike-** Meet at the Nature Center. Join us on a hike to the falls and learn how water erodes the stone to make canyons!

### Sunday, July 26<sup>th</sup>

- 9:00 AM**     **Worship Service, non-denominational**
- 11:00 AM**     **Hoosier Quest Creek Cleanup:** Nature Center. Are you taking part in the Hoosier Quest program? Follow us along the creek to pick up trash for your hour of volunteer time.

This week's theme: Stories of the Forest



Monday, July 27<sup>th</sup>

1:30 PM      **Amazing Macroinvertebrates** Nature Center. Search for these creek critters while learning about their role in the forest ecosystem.

Tuesday, July 28<sup>th</sup>

1:30 PM      **Owls: Tigers of the sky!** Nature Center. Learn about some of the sky's fieriest predators!

Wednesday, July 29<sup>th</sup>

1:30 PM      **Tree Tales-** Take a short hike to learn the basics of tree ID and other interesting facts you may not know about our everyday trees.

Thursday, July 30<sup>th</sup>

1:30 PM      **Skulls and Bones-** Nature Center. What can we learn from just skulls and bones? Join us to unravel the story of their previous owners!

Friday, July 31<sup>st</sup>

11:00 AM      **Hoosier Quest Creek Cleanup:** Nature Center. Are you taking part in the Hoosier Quest program? Follow us along the creek to pick up trash for your hour of volunteer time.

Saturday, August 1<sup>st</sup>

11:00 AM      **Oh Deer!** Nature Center. How many deer is too many? Learn about deer management and more while playing this fun game.

1:30 PM      **SSSStory of our Snnnnnaakkkkesss-** Nature Center. What snakes do we have here at the park? Learn about our snakes and why they are important! *Get a chance to touch a snake!*

4:00 PM      **Pool Program.** Swimming in the pool? Join a naturalist at the break.

Sunday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>

9:00 AM      **Worship Service.** Nature Center. Non-denominational

11:00 AM      **Firewood Alert!** Nature Center. There are 150 million Ash trees in Indiana. Find out how *you* can help protect them from the Emerald Ash Borer.

1:30 PM      **Turtle Time:** Nature Center. Learn some turtle basics.